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Sir:

This statement is forwarded in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement previously submitted on 8 May 2004.

The art referred to in the appended list of references was cited in the PCT International application. A copy of each of the patent references is provided herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 4,028,779 to Shah teaches a system for chopping a rope fed from a coiled spool. Feeder pulleys feed the rope to an in-line granulator with a bed blade and a screen.

EP 0 836 887 A to Illig Machinebau teaches a chopping system with an in-line granulator charged via a variable speed feeder pulley with control means and a train of pulleys including a dancing roll. The size of a loop around the dancing roll is sensed in order to adjust the speed of the feeder pulley.

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